



CONCEPT (Rationale)
REGIONAL REGISTER OF CAPACITIES AND ASSETS OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES
TO CARRY OUT RESCUE OPERATIONS ON THEIR TERRITORIES
DURING AN EMERGENCY

The initiative of the Secretariat of the Regional Forum to create a Regional Register of capacities and assets of the countries in Central Asia to carry out rescue operations on their territories during emergencies was supported by the Working Group of Experts of the Central Asian countries in August 2017.

The concept was used as a basis for development of the Regulation on the Regional Register of capacities and assets of the Central Asian countries applied by the working group of the Regional Forum - Meeting of the heads of emergency institutions of the Central Asian countries held on July 11, 2019 in Bishkek city of, Kyrgyz Republic.

On July 11, 2019, the Working Group of the Regional Forum proposed to introduce the issue of creating a Register of capacities and assets of Central Asian countries, in order to carry out rescue operations on their territory in case of emergencies for consideration at the next Regional Forum - the Meeting of the heads of emergency departments of Central Asian countries.

CONCEPT

Regional register of capacities and assets of Central Asian countries to carry out rescue operations on their territories during an emergency

The main prerequisites, grounds for the development of the Regional Register of capacities and assets of the Central Asian countries are:

- ◆ Exposure of the territory of the region, which is home to about 80 million people, to almost all types of natural and man-made disasters, including earthquakes, floods, landslides, mudflows/mudslides, avalanches, droughts, extreme temperatures, epidemics, dam breaks and emissions of hazardous substances;
- ◆ Observed in the countries of the region the tendencies of increasing negative consequences of natural disasters, accidents and catastrophes, an increase in people's vulnerability to natural and man-made threats that hinders the more successful implementation of strategies, programs and plans for sustainable development;
- ◆ Presence of the risks of a large-scale and transboundary emergencies, the consequences of which cannot be eliminated only by the capacities and assets of one country;
- ◆ Necessity to establish an effective regional mechanism for the implementation of the Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan on cooperation in prevention and elimination of emergency situations (Cholpon-Ata, July 17, 1998). Furthermore, it is in line with other bilateral interstate Agreements (MoUs) in the field of prevention and elimination of emergencies ratified by the Central Asia countries.

The Regional Register of capacities and assets of the Central Asian countries is developed in order to:

- ◆ Improve the efficiency of the mechanisms for implementation of the Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan on cooperation in prevention and elimination of emergencies, from July 17, 1998 (Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyz Republic). Also, to support other bilateral and multilateral interstate and international Agreements and Treaties in the field of prevention and response to emergencies of a large-scale and transboundary nature.
- ◆ Strengthen the readiness of highly mobile emergency rescue teams on high alert of the Central Asian countries to carry out emergency rescue operations on their territory in the event of emergencies of a large-scale and transboundary nature.
- ◆ Creation of a united group of rescue forces capable to be deployed immediately to the affected country and function autonomously for a long time-period in the areas affected by emergencies of a large-scale and transboundary nature.

Organizational and practical issues of the formation and use of the Regional Register of capacities and assets the Central Asian countries for the purpose of carrying out emergency rescue operations on their territory in case of emergencies will be implemented on the basis of the Regulation approved by the Regional Forum - the Meeting of the heads of emergency institutions Central Asian countries.